Fiscal Year 2014 Continuing Resolution

Because Congress will not pass FY2015 Appropriations bills by the end of September, the House will consider a Continuing Resolution (CR) this week.

The CR carries forward FY2014 funding through December 11th, under the terms and conditions set the FY2014 Omnibus Appropriations Act. However, it includes an across-the-board cut of 0.0554% in order to conform with the FY2014 spending level.

The CR also extends several expiring authorizations and includes some "anomalies," or exceptions to the general rule of maintaining FY2014 funding, including:

Export-Import Bank	The authorization for Export-Import Bank operating authority is extended until June 30, 2015.
Unaccompanied Minors	The Administration requested apportionment flexibility so that DOJ, DHS, and HHS' Office of Refugee Resettlement may address the rise in unaccompanied children at the southwest border and resulting staffing issues through the duration of the CR. The CR provides anomalies that include this authority for DHS and HHS, but not for DOJ.
Ebola	The CR includes $30 million for CDC and $58 million for the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (within HHS) to respond to the Ebola outbreak.
National security	The CR provides $50 million to clear unexploded, subsurface ordnance in Afghanistan. The CR extends authorities to support the Office of Security Cooperation in Iraq; and to provide for assistance in combatting terrorism. The CR continues the FY2014 spending rate for Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO). The rule makes in order one amendment providing the President authority to train and equip forces fighting ISIL.
Weather satellites	The CR includes flexible apportionment to maintain the planned launch schedule for NOAA's Joint Polar Satellite System and the Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite system.
User fees	The CR allows FDA to collect and spend fees authorized under the Drug Quality and Safety Act on facilities that compound human drugs; and extends authority for

	recreation fee programs, including National Park Service annual passes.
District of Columbia	The CR allows the District of Columbia to spend its local funds in accordance with the budget request through the duration of the CR.
Internet Tax Freedom	The Internet Tax Freedom Act, barring taxes on internet access, bandwidth, and email, is extended through the duration of the CR.
Chemical security	The CR extends operating authority to regulate security at high-risk chemical facilities.
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	The CR extends authority for TANF, including the Contingency Fund at a slightly reduced baseline level.
Military construction	Appropriations on military construction are reduced by $3.25 billion from the FY2014 enacted level to the lower FY2015 request level.
Veterans	The CR increases funding for the VA disability claims backlog to the President's FY2015 budget request level, increases funding for the Office of Inspector General to investigate complaints about medical care, and increases funding for the Office of Special Counsel to pursue whistleblowing and retaliation complaints from VA employees.
Ukraine	The CR includes a provision providing flexibility within accounts to ensure the Department of State and USAID can respond to events in Ukraine.
War risk aviation insurance	The CR extends war and terror risk aviation insurance authority. While major commercial airlines are insured through the private market, some smaller airlines and cargo carriers use this federal program.
Environmental Cleanup	The CR provides flexible apportionment to maintain existing employment levels at Department of Energy cleanup sites.
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)	The CR increases funding for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) to the President's FY2015 budget request level.
Small business loans	The CR increases the loan limit for the Small Business Administration 7(a) loan program to accommodate recent increases in loan demand.